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Six-Year-Old Picks Busy Day To Ask for Aid

Six-year-old Lloyd Harline Jr., of 24263 Los Codona Ave., picked one of the busiest afternoons of the year to get himself stuck in a barrel.

At the height of the fires which raged through several parts of the city Tuesday afternoon, little Lloyd climbed in to a heavy paper barrel at his home and stuck.

Frankie efforts of his mother and a neighbor to free him were proving futile when Engineer John Agapito and Fireman Charles Reintzma answered a rescue call and freed him.

Lloyd was stuck in the barrel for more than 30 minutes, witnesses reported.

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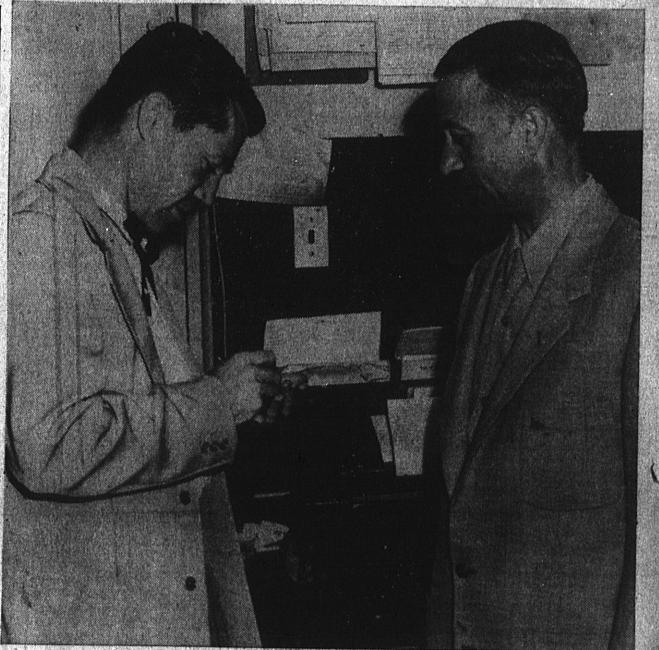
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BOOKED ON ASSAULT . . . Haskell Tidwell, (right) former secretary of the San Pedro Retail Clerks Union denies to Herald Reporter Jack O. Baldwin that he threatened Wally Elliott, president of the union with a loaded revolver Saturday afternoon. Police said Tidwell was holding a recently fired pistol when they arrested him early Tuesday morning.

This Afternoon Council Meets Retail Clerks For Wage Talk

Negotiations between members of the Harbor Area Employers' Council and Retail Clerks Local 905 with respect to weekly and hourly rates of pay to become effective under the mercantile contract on Aug. 1, will open in the office of the Employers' Council in Torrance this afternoon at 2 o'clock, the council announced this week.

The annual agreement between employers and the union was opened by the union under provisions of the contract executed as of Feb. 1, which allowed the wage review on Aug. 1 in event federal wage controls were discontinued after April 30, according to Frank B. Selover, executive secretary of the employers' council. The negotiations can involve weekly and hourly rates of pay only, he pointed out.

In an effort to have all retail industry segments under the contract represented at the negotiation meeting, the Employers' Council has named one or more employers to the committee from each segment, Selover said. They are:

J. C. Caldwell, C. E. Beaver, and Clyde Dunlap Jr., department stores; A. J. Moe and Harry Petro, drug stores; B. M. Malone, furniture and appliance stores; Leo Mosson and J. N. Blake, hardware and paint; Al Fenster, haberdashery; Edward Raphael, jewelry; Paul Diamond, ready-to-wear and specialty; Harold L. Hall and C. L. Prow, variety; John T. Binkley is counsel and Selover is secretary for the employers' committee.

Both Selover and Barclay Mitchell, acting secretary-treasurer of Retail Clerks Local 905, said that non-members of the council are welcome to the meeting on Thursday afternoon.

Police Nab Ex-Union Leader With Pistol

Haskell Tidwell, vortex of many labor storms in this area, is due to enter a plea in the South Bay Municipal Court Friday to answer a charge that he assaulted Wally Elliott, president of the San Pedro Retail Clerks Union, by wagging a pistol in his stomach and threatening to kill him.

Tidwell, recently ousted as secretary-treasurer of the clerks' union, denied the charge Tuesday morning in the Torrance City jail where he was brought following his arrest at his home, 25124-A Broadwell Ave., Harbor City at 6 a.m. The former union official posted a \$100 bail bond and was released at 8:10 a.m.

The 41-year-old ex-union leader was booked under section 240 of the penal code on a warrant issued by Judge Otto B. Willett after Elliott signed a complaint against Tidwell.

According to a police department report, Tidwell is alleged to have visited Elliott at his home at 2511 Olive St. brandishing a gun and threatening the union president in the presence of witnesses.

Elliott told police they were discussing union affairs when Tidwell pulled the gun.

Tidwell denied having a gun stating: "What would I do with a gun? I'd probably shoot myself with one if I had one."

However, when Sgt. M. H. Porter and Patrolman Robert Wright approached Tidwell at his home Tuesday morning, he was holding a .38 calibre revolver in his hand. Sgt. Porter took the gun noting that the cylinder contained four loaded rounds and one empty shell.

Witnesses to the alleged assault told police that Tidwell acted peculiarly and appeared to be "drunk or high."

"Were you drinking?" asked reporters. "Hell, no! I got two thirds of my stomach out. I can't drink."

"How about medicine? Were you taking anything for your stomach ailment which might cause those people to think you were high?" the newsman asked. "Hell, no! I take some medicine that vantage points may be had."



DORIS POLLOCK'S SITTING PRETTY . . . She Won Pacific Coast Beauty Title

Beauty Winner

Tall Blonde Is Real Production (Clerk)

Pretty and curvaceous Doris Pollock, tall blonde production clerk at the local plant of the Pittsburgh Paint and Plate Glass Co., last week won the title of Miss Pacific Coast and will represent Torrance in a nation-wide company bathing beauty contest.

Helping the beauty win the title were:

Bust—37 1/2 inches.
Waist—26 inches.
Hips—38 inches.
Weight—130 pounds.
Height—5-foot, 7 1/2 inches.

She won the title in competition against four other plant beauties including Vera Sontors, Lovie Martin, Irene Lock, and Donna Westergren. The local winner was decided by popular vote based on photographs of each of the girls.

The title winner is to have a professional photograph taken to be entered in competition with winners from other divisions of the Pittsburgh Paint Co. A bevy of judges will select eight finalists whose pictures will be printed in "Pittsburgh People," a company magazine. The employees of the company will then ballot on the eight finalists. The winner will receive gifts and a trip to a resort located near the winner's place of employment.

Comm. P. Frazier Returns to U.S. As Destroyer CO

Tying his "Tin Can" to a Long Beach dock this week was Commander Paul Frazier, 5406 Sharpyne Lane, commanding officer of the battle-scarred Destroyer Shelton.

On the dock to greet her husband was Mrs. "Marty" Frazier, holding 20-month-old Duncan, and flanked by daughter Paula, 7, and Johnny, 5 1/2.

The local Navy ship captain took command of the Shelton in Korean waters earlier this year. He was in Japan at the time the Korean War broke out four years ago. He returned to the United States and his seaside ranches home on Christmas eve of that year.

His other tours of duty included service as executive officer of the Burton Island Navy ice breaker, on one of its cruises into the ice-bound north of Alaska, and as executive officer of the United States Coast Guard cutter, the USS Albatross, on its Cold Weather School on Kodiak Island.

Herald Deadline Moved Up For Sunday's Issue

Because of the Fourth of July holiday, Saturday, news and advertising deadlines for Sunday's Torrance Herald have been advanced this week.

Classified deadlines for the July 5 issue will be 11 a.m. Friday, and the display advertising deadline will be 5 p.m. today.

News deadlines will be moved up one day, with the final deadline Friday noon. The Torrance Herald office will be closed all day Saturday, and normal hours of business will be resumed on Monday, July 6.

Measles Siege Takes Life Of Waleria Boy

A nine-year-old Waleria boy died at Los Angeles General Hospital Sunday from complications following a case of the measles.

The boy, Robert Stephen Pernot, of 3342 Newton St., was a student at Walteria Grammar School. Funeral services were held yesterday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, conducted by the Rev. Arthur Bello, and interment followed at Green Hills Cemetery.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henri Pernot; a sister, Linda; paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Henri Pernot Sr., of Wilmington; maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. McConahay of Long Beach; and great-grandmother, Mrs. Ida E. Leydon, of Wilmington.

Pioneer Rancher Dies at 88, Services Today

Funeral rites for John P. Hoepfner, 88, a resident of this area since he landed at Wilmington from Germany 61 years ago, will be held at 2 p.m. today at the Little Church of the Flowers in Forest Lawn.

A resident of 1328 W. 219th St., where he died Sunday, Mr. Hoepfner operated the huge Dominguez Ranch and other ranches in Orange County until his retirement 25 years ago. He had been a rancher all of his life.

Born in Germany, he came to America with his wife and two children, landing in Wilmington in 1892. He leaves his widow, Anna; four sons, four daughters, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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DOWN GO THE BARS . . . Quietly and without ceremony county road crews took down the barricades across a new stretch of Crenshaw Blvd. this week to allow traffic to whizz along a four-lane roadway between Lomita Blvd. and Pacific Coast Highway. Grading of another stretch of Crenshaw is under way south of Highway 101. Meanwhile, the county is still attempting to acquire title to lands lying between Lomita and Sepulveda Bvds. Eventually Crenshaw will stretch from Wilshire Blvd. in Los Angeles to the sea.